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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

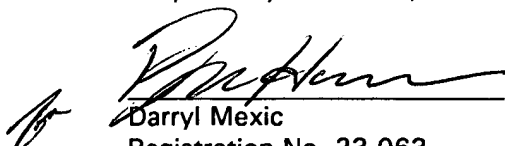
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

The submission of the attached English language abstract along with JPA 2948974 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of the reference.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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